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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Yasuhiro OKUMOTO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1762
Application No.: 10/539,246)	
Filed: May 9, 2006)	Examiner: Empie, Nathan H.
For: PROCESSING METHOD AND)	
PROCESSING APPARATUS)	Confirmation No.: 9261

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 10, 2007, the period for response to which extends through December 10, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Proposed Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper.